



HIS 'NITRO-GLYCERINE' THREAT SCARES BANKER AND STIRS THE POLICE

'Give Me Your Money or I'll Blow You and the Bank to Bits,' Said Supposed Anarchist, as He Showed Colored Water.

OMAHA, Neb., March 10.—A man who said he was L. L. Fee, a resident of Rockford, Ill., entered the Merchants' National Bank, of this city, to-day and demanded a large sum of money, at the same time displaying a bottle, which he said contained nitro-glycerine, and threatening to blow up the bank if his request was not complied with.

After spreading more or less terror in the bank and getting the Police Department on edge, the man was arrested as a supposedly dangerous anarchist. Then he confessed that the bottle did not contain nitro-glycerine, but a harmless liquid diluted and mostly water. Then the police, with great care and trepidation, shot the bottle to pieces on the river bank and found his story correct.

The man entered the bank soon after the doors were thrown open and asked to see Vice-President Luther Drake in his private office.

Mr. Drake seated himself opposite the man, who began talking in a rambling manner about having had \$5,000 in the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City when that bank failed.

"And since all you fellows are in together, you had just better hand me over my money or I'll blow you and this bank and all of us to—," suddenly said the man, producing a three-necked bottle containing a thick yellow liquid.

"Don't you make a move. This is filled with nitro-glycerine. If you move, you are a dead man."

"You don't want to die yourself, do you?" cooed said Drake.

"Oh, yes, I came in here ready to die," responded the stranger, "but when I die I'll take everybody in this building with me."

"Well, I'll go and get you the money," said Drake, rising from his chair.

"Sit down," said the man, "if you get up again without permission, I'll just drop this bottle. You know what will happen."

Drake sat down and told the man he would talk it over with him, and the stranger accepted, all the time keeping the bottle in his hand and within sight.

Noting that the man was thin and pinched, Drake asked him if he was not hungry.

"I have been studying over this matter for several days and have not eaten a thing for forty-eight hours," was the response.

"Well, let's go have a breakfast and talk this over," proposed Drake.

"All right, but don't try any monkey business or you are a dead man," replied Fee.

President Hamilton, of the bank, entered the next room during the conversation and heard enough of it to enable him to know what was going on.

As Drake and the stranger left the room together, Hamilton telephoned the police station for plain clothes men and followed the two men to a nearby restaurant.

Drake and the man were on opposite sides of the table when the detectives accompanied by Hamilton entered the room, slipping up behind the stranger, the detectives pinned his arms and relieved him of his bottle before he knew what was up. He was then taken to the police station.

At the police station later the man gave his name as L. L. Fee and said he came from Rockford, Ill., last October.

Since then Fee has lived in Omaha and has been out of work. He is a plumber. He acknowledges that he never was in Kansas City and that the bottle contained no nitro-glycerine.

The police took the bottle to the river bank and red into it with a rifle. The bottle was broken, but there was no explosion.

The police believe Fee is insane.

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The World printed 15,516 separate advertisements during the six work days of last week—4,773 MORE than the Herald or any other newspaper in the United States.

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NEW YORK, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1908.

Fair to-night: Wednesday clear and warmer.
FINAL RESULTS EDITION
PRICE ONE CENT.

BROOKLYN TEAM OFF TO FLORIDA TRAINING CAMP

Husky Members of Patsy Donovan's Band Ready for Preliminary Work.

PASTORIOUS IS SIGNED.

President Ebbers Also has Signed Contract of Riter—Eighteen in Party.

Charles Ebbers, who the smile that adorns his face when he came out of his office at the Brooklyn Baseball Club, Washington Park, he had just secured the John Hancock of L. Riter and J. W. Pastorious to contracts for 1908 and this with favorable reports concerning the rest of the team that sailed this afternoon for the Jacksonville training ground, was enough.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the players and fans who are to make the trip to Florida were ready to board the steamer Commodore of the Clyde line. In the party were P. J. Donovan, Charles H. Medicus, son of the treasurer, George Hunter, J. E. Hummel, W. A. Maloney, Al Burke, S. Miron, Phil Lewis, George T. Bell and wife, W. Benzen, Tim Jordan and wife, Trainer Dan Comerford, Harry Patton, L. Riter, J. W. Pastorious and Abe Yaeger.

There wasn't a sick looking man in the whole party, while all looked as fit as a fawn young man on pay day morning. Ed Flanagan, manager of the Brooklyn team in the New England League, was also in the party.

Charles Ebbers, Jr., Billy Wooster, and Treasurer Medicus will join the players at Jacksonville next week, leaving Saturday, while President Ebbers will start southward a little later. The players will remain at Jacksonville until March 31, then going to Birmingham and other points where a Southern tour with games has been arranged.

President Ebbers to-day had wires from the following players who are enroute to the training quarters: Pitcher Finlayson; Lumley from Hot Springs, John H. Butler, from Palm Beach; Rucker, from Alpharetta, Ga.; Sheehan and McIntire, from California; Holmes, from Augusta, Ga., and Wilhelm, from Worcester, O.

MEELICK DERBY RIVAL OF EAST CHAPULTEPEC

Shipment of Colt From California Adds Interest to Saturday's Big Stake.

TONY W. WINS FIRST.

Beats Out Tom Holland by a Length in Race for Youngsters.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 10.—The announcement of the arrival this week of Hildren's derby candidate, Meelick, gave new life to the talk of the big racing event of the week here. There is some disposition now to almost discount the chances of the Hildren's favorite, Chapultepec, and many of the smart followers of the game are undecided as to whether Burlew is simply trying to work the public and players alike by causing the spread of the report that Chapultepec is not the horse he was some weeks ago, or whether this colt really has stepped off in his training. There are few who will deny the Hildren's shrewdness, and because his ability as a trainer and his judgment in training and racing his horse commands such high respect there is reason to believe that Meelick probably will be as well backed as any horse in the "races" this week. Of course, he provided that he stands the long trip from California. Last year the crowd on the coast thought to come along and steal one of the Derbys here with Temacoe, which then raced in the name of C. E. Durnell. Temacoe started in the first Derby and was soundly beaten.

The clockers to-day had to report a fast mile done by Angelus, which was taken over to the City Park track to get away from the regular crowd that watches the gallops of the B and O horses at the Fair Grounds. Pinkola, another important factor in the big race, is slated to have a public appearance in a mile handicap here to-morrow.

With one exception the programme offered here to-day was made up of races of the cheapest character. The exception was a six furlong race that while under selling conditions brought out a field of better than average sprinters. It was named the Wildfire Purse in honor of the play in which Lillian Russell is appearing here this week.

Miss Russell and her company are regular attractions at the races. In the play the course of naming the race for the play the jockey who rode the winner of the event and half a dozen of the public were rendered a box at the theatre for to-night.

FIRST RACE—Purse \$500, two-year-olds, 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane), 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane), 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane).

SECOND RACE—Purse \$400, maiden three-year-olds, 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane), 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane).

THIRD RACE—Purse \$400, four-year-olds and upward, 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane), 10 furlongs, 1 to 2, even and 1 to 2, won by a length, Tom Holland, 113 (Brisbane).

HANSON REINS IN JUST IN TIME TO SAVE MAN.

Pedestrian Suddenly Appeared Before the Third Deputy Police Commissioner's Rig.

Third Deputy Police Commissioner Hanson qualified as an excellent reinman today when he prevented his headstrong horse from jumping over Benjamin Roth, twenty-eight years old, who got in the way of the animal at Fifth avenue and Washington Square North. Roth was only slightly injured and was treated by Dr. Sullivan, of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Commissioner Hanson had the lines at the time. His driver, Patrolman John Carroll, was at his side. The rig was hurrying from the Yale Club to Mulberry street. At the crossing, Roth stepped from the rear of a wagon directly in the path of the Hanson rig. The police officer, seeing the danger, threw his reins, and the horse, after striking a few feet from the wagon after being struck by one of the horse's hoofs.

White Carroll picked up the injured man and called the ambulance. His quickness of action saved Roth from serious injury. The accident was witnessed by fifty persons.

GEORGE CROCKER ILL.

An operation may have to be performed to save the life of George Crocker, the California millionaire, who is lying critically ill at No. 1 East Sixty-third street. He has been suffering for some time with stomach trouble. A consultation of physicians will be held to-day to decide upon a course of treatment.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK ON TRIAL ON GIRL'S CHARGE; FIVE JURORS IN BOX

VICTIM DIES IN AUTO, WHICH MANGLES HIM, ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Ambulance Meets Speeding Motor Car of Broker Too Late to Save Lineman Run Down in a Manhole.

After being run over and crushed by an automobile while at work in one of the telephone street ducts of the New York Telephone Company, Giuseppe Soracci, a ground lineman, lay fully twenty minutes in plain sight of hundreds of persons in West Eighty-ninth street, between Amsterdam and Columbus avenues, this afternoon.

The man was slowly dying from the loss of blood. Finally the frenzied chauffeur, after rushing from phone to phone in an effort to call an ambulance or find a policeman, picked up the body, placed it in a rear seat and raced off to the hospital.

Following the fastest ride probably ever made on Amsterdam avenue, the unconscious form of Soracci was lifted from the auto, seven minutes after he had been run over. When he was placed on the operating table it was found that the man had died in the machine.

The machine was operated by John D. Palmer, who was taking it from the Acton Garage, in West Eighty-ninth street, to meet his employer.

In the car with Palmer was Edward Manning. Both men were arrested. According to witnesses, the man was bent over adjusting wires in a manhole two feet beneath the surface of the street when Palmer, in an effort to turn his machine, backed it against him and crushed him under the wheels and against the pavement. He did not regain consciousness.

Patrolman McCoy called for volunteers, who lifted the body into the touring car, and in a minute the half-crushed chauffeur was driving his machine in a wild race against death.

Two blocks from the scene of the accident the J. Hood Wright Hospital ambulance met the fleeing auto. The driver made an effort to halt the auto, but the victim expired under anaesthetics. He lived at No. 63 James street, and has been in the employ of the telephone company for a number of years.

The tragedy was witnessed by many spectators, who were angered by the carelessness of the chauffeur. The driver pleaded that his wheels slipped as he was about to put on the brakes, causing him to back over his victim.

CONGRESS APPROPRIATIONS TO BE ABOUT \$900,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—At the White House to-day Representative Tawley, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, who had called on the President at the latter's request to discuss legislation, expressed the opinion that the appropriations for Congress at this session would be kept within \$900,000,000, exclusive of appropriations for battleships. If there are two new battleships, he said, the total would be about \$920,000,000, and if there are four battleships the total would reach \$940,000,000.

The total appropriations in the last Congress, he pointed out, were about \$820,000,000, and it was hoped to reduce the appropriations this year about \$20,000,000.

ANNA GOULD POSTPONES SAILING FROM FRANCE.

PARIS, March 10.—Mme. Anna Gould, who recently divorced her husband, Count Paul de Castiglione, has decided to postpone her departure for New York for a few days. Her original plan was to sail from Cherbourg to-morrow. She will be accompanied home by her children, and expects to remain in America for two months.

STOLE FROM A VANDERBILT.

Negro Was Once Convicted of Stealing From Morgan.

James Anderson, negro, was convicted today of stealing silverware worth \$500 from the residence of William K. Vanderbilt, No. 660 Fifth avenue, last month. He was convicted in 1899 of stealing oil paintings from the residence of J. Pierpont Morgan and the late Charles T. Yerkes.

Accused, Comedian Haggard and Worn, on the Verge of Collapse, Watches First Day's Proceedings With Intense Interest.

WOMEN CROWD CORRIDORS; BARKED FROM COURTROOM.

Actor in His Ordeal Apparently Deserted by His Theatrical Friends—His Counsel Subjects Falsen to Rigorous Course of Questioning.

Five jurors were selected at the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, on an indictment growing out of charges preferred by Helen Van Hagen, a fourteen-year-old girl, at the close of the first day's session in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court before Justice Blanchard.

A close scrutiny was maintained by court officers at the door of the courtroom, and it was semi-officially announced that only those directly connected with the trial would be admitted. This will bar even lawyers who have no interest in the case. A crowd of the morbidly curious, including many women, thronged the corridors of the Criminal Courts Building throughout the day.

Hitchcock didn't look much like the lanky, big jointed comedian who romped through musical comedies as he sat among his lawyers, Haggard and unhappy, with deep lines in his bony face and a staring look in his pale blue eyes, the actor crouched forward, with his arms upon the counsel table. He was a long-drawn-out, fine-spun parcel of taut nerves. He jumped at every sound, and his fingers were rarely still. Hitchcock looked like a man on the verge of a collapse.

In his hour of need Hitchcock has apparently been deserted by his fellows in the theatrical and club world. Neither his manager nor any other conspicuous figure in the uptown theatre district sought entrance to the courtroom. Hitchcock's wife, who is Flora Zabelle, an actress, sat in an anteroom, and his two brothers-in-law occupied chairs just behind him. Except for these three and his attorneys the accused comedian was alone.

Morbid Barred from Court.

Except for the 300 members of the two separate jury panels no citizens were admitted to the big chamber where Harry Thaw had his second trial a few weeks ago.

Hitchcock sat in Thaw's old seat in a veritable cluster of lawyers. His staff of counsel was headed by John B. Stanchfield, the attorney of record. Besides Mr. Stanchfield, it included Herman Fromme, former Assistant District Attorney Henry J. Gray and Carl Fischer-Hanfield. Mr. Gray is a son of Associate Justice Gray, of the Court of Appeals, and Mr. Gray was retained at a late stage in the case by sixteen of Hitchcock's theatrical and personal friends.

For the State appeared Jerome's aids.

ROOSEVELT PUTS MOTHERS AHEAD

They Rank Higher Than Civil War Veterans With Him, He Tells Delegates.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—"This is the one body that I put even higher than the veterans of the civil war," was the enthusiastic preliminary remark of President Roosevelt to-day in receiving delegates to the Congress of Mothers at the White House.

The President made the occasion a decidedly more than an informal reception by having the Marine band in attendance and his military and naval aides in full uniform.

PASSENGERS IN SMASH AS TRAIN IS DERAILED.

(Special to The Evening World.)
PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 10.—A train No. 92 on the Hawley branch of the Erie, consisting of the engine, locomotive baggage and smoker and two coaches, was wrecked one mile east of Hawley to-day. The cause was a broken rail. The engine and baggage car passed over the break easily, but the two coaches left the track. One tumbled over on its side, nearly falling down a forty foot embankment into the Lackawanna River.

Several passengers were cut by broken glass and bruised.